

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A power control apparatus operable to enable control of a main power of an apparatus, on which power control of the apparatus is performed, without being in conjunction with the main power of the apparatus, said power control apparatus comprising either on a separate power not in conjunction with the main power of the apparatus or on a separate apparatus:

a distributor having storage means in which transmitter ID signals for identifying transmitters are stored, said distributor ~~comparing~~ being operable to compare a inputted transmitter ID signal, which is input through a predetermined communication line in advance of a communication call signal, with the transmitter ID signals stored in ~~the~~ said storage means, ~~and outputting~~ to output a power control signal when the inputted transmitter ID signal matches any of the ~~stored~~ transmitter ID signals stored in said storage means, and ~~connecting~~ to connect the communication line with a predetermined communication apparatus when the inputted transmitter ID signal does not match any matches ~~none~~ of the ~~stored~~ transmitter ID signals stored in said storage means; and

~~a power control unit for controlling~~ operable to control ON or OFF of power to ~~a~~ the predetermined apparatus which is connected to ~~the~~ said distributor, according to the power control signal supplied from ~~the~~ said distributor.

2. (Currently Amended) The power control apparatus of Claim 1, wherein:

 said storage means stores a plurality of transmitter ID signals;

 said distributor outputs a plurality of power control signals respectively corresponding to the ~~respective~~-transmitter ID signals which are stored in ~~the~~ said storage means and which match the inputted transmitter ID signals; and

 said power control unit ~~performs~~ is operable to perform control to turn ON the power of the predetermined apparatus and ~~control~~ to turn OFF the power of the predetermined apparatus; according to the power control signals supplied from ~~the~~ said distributor.

3. (Currently Amended) The power control apparatus of Claim 2, wherein:

 said storage means stores a transmitter ID signal corresponding to a predetermined

process of the predetermined apparatus which is subjected to the power ON control or the power OFF control by ~~the said~~ power control unit; and

when the inputted transmitter ID signal matches the ~~stored~~ transmitted ID signal stored in ~~said storage means~~, ~~said distributor outputs~~ is operable to output a control signal for instructing the predetermined apparatus to perform the predetermined process corresponding to ~~this~~ ~~the inputted~~ transmitter ID signal.

4. (Currently Amended) The power control apparatus of Claim 1, wherein:

said distributor is provided with count means for counting ~~the a~~ communication call time by the communication call signal which is input after the inputted transmitter ID signal through the predetermined communication line;

said storage means stores a plurality of communication call time information;

when the inputted transmitter ID signal matches any of the stored transmitter ID signals, ~~said distributor compares~~ ~~is operable to compare~~ the result of the count by ~~the said~~ counting means with the communication call time information stored in ~~the said~~ storage means, and ~~outputs~~ ~~to output~~ a power control signal corresponding to the communication call time which matches the result of the count by said counting means; and

said power control unit ~~performs~~ ~~is operable to perform~~ either the power ON control or the power OFF control, according to the power control signal supplied from ~~the said~~ distributor.

5. (Currently Amended) The power control apparatus of Claim 4, wherein:

said storage means stores communication call time information corresponding to a predetermined process of the predetermined apparatus which is subjected to the power ON or OFF control by ~~the said~~ power control apparatus; and

when the result of the count by ~~the said~~ count means matches the communication call time information which corresponds to the predetermined apparatus and which is stored in ~~the said~~ storage means, ~~said distributor~~ ~~is operable to output~~ ~~outputs~~ a control signal for instructing the predetermined apparatus to perform the predetermined process corresponding to this communication call time information.

6. (Currently Amended) The power control apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising termination decision means for deciding that the whether a predetermined process of the predetermined apparatus is terminated, and outputting a power control signal to said power control unit to turn OFF the power of the predetermined apparatus, to the power control unit when the predetermined process of the predetermined apparatus is terminated.

7. (Currently Amended) The power control apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising: time managing means capable of managing time, said means for outputting, to said power control unit, either a power control signal to turn ON the power or a power control signal to turn OFF the power, to the power control unit, based on the basis of a predetermined time setting.

8-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A power state identification apparatus operable to enable control of a main power of an apparatus, on which power control of the apparatus is performed, without being in conjunction with the main power of the apparatus, said power control apparatus comprising either on a separate power not in conjunction with the main power of the apparatus or on a separate apparatus:

storage means in which transmitter ID signals for identifying transmitters are stored;
power state identification means for identifying the a power state of a predetermined apparatus and holding the power state of the predetermined apparatus; and
communication cutoff means for cutting communication through a predetermined communication line; wherein:

wherein an inputted transmitter ID signal which is input through the predetermined communication line in advance of a communication call signal is compared with the transmitter ID signals stored in the said storage means;

when the inputted transmitter ID signal matches any of the stored-transmitter ID signals stored in said storage means, whether or not it is decided whether the power state

of the predetermined apparatus is in a predetermined state or not is decided based on the basis of the power state information held in the said power state identification means;

when said the predetermined apparatus is determined to be in the predetermined power state, said communication cutoff means cuts off the communication through the communication line; and is cut off by the communication cutoff means; on the other hand,

when the inputted transmitter ID signal does not match matches none any of the stored transmitter ID signals, the communication line is connected with a predetermined communication apparatus.

25. (Currently Amended) A power state identification apparatus operable to enable control of a main power of an apparatus, on which power control of the apparatus is performed, without being in conjunction with the main power of the apparatus, said power control apparatus comprising either on a separate power not in conjunction with the main power of the apparatus or on a separate apparatus:

storage means in which transmitter ID signals for identifying transmitters are stored;

power state identification means for identifying the-a power state of a predetermined apparatus and holding this-identification information of the power state of the predetermined apparatus;

counting means for counting the-a call time of a communication call signal which is input subsequently to the transmitter ID signal through the predetermined communication line; and

communication cutoff means for cutting communication through the predetermined communication line; wherein:

wherein an inputted transmitter ID signal which is input through the predetermined communication line is compared with the transmitter ID signals stored in the said storage means;

when the inputted transmitter ID signal matches any of the stored transmitter ID signals, the power state of the predetermined apparatus is decided based on the basis of the power state information held in the said power state identification means, and said

counting means counts the communication call signal ~~is counted by the counting means;~~
when the call time being counted by said counting means reaches a predetermined
time, said communication cutoff means cuts off the communication ~~is cut off by using the~~
~~communication cutoff means; and~~
~~on the other hand,~~ when the inputted transmitter ID signal ~~matches none does not~~
~~match any~~ of the stored transmitter ID signals, the communication line is connected with
a predetermined communication apparatus.

26-37. (Cancelled)